

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend as follows paragraph [0011], that is, the first paragraph of the Summary of the Invention section of the specification:

The invention provides a method for performing an input/output (I/O) operation in a computer between an I/O-initiating subsystem and a device through a hardware memory, in which the memory is arranged into portions that are separately addressable using first identifiers that are represented using a first number of address bits; for the I/O operation, the device accesses a first space of the memory using a second number of address bits; and the subsystem addresses I/O requests to a second space of the memory using second identifiers ~~that are represented using a second number of bits~~. The second identifiers are initially mapped to respective first identifiers that identify portions of the memory in the second memory space. For any I/O request that meets a remapping criterion, the corresponding second identifier is remapped to one of the first identifiers that identifies a portion of the memory in the first space of the memory. The second space is different from the first space and the second number of address bits is greater less than the first number of address bits.

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